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No: 6- GJC 047/2019-BHO/1142

Date - 21/11/2019

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forest)  
Govt. of Gujarat,  
Forest and Environment Department,  
Block No14, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Sachivalaya,  
Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 12.25 ha Protected Forest land for road widening of existing Visnagar-Vijapur road SH-130 in Ta-Visnagar & Vijapur in favour of Executive Engineer, Mehsana (R&B) Division in Mehsana District of Gujarat.

Ref: 1) Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1018/7-25/18/S.F-128/F dated 30/09/2019.  
2) REC minutes letter No. 6-REC10/2014-BHO/Part-II/ 1109 dated 15/11/2019.

Sir,

Kind reference to above given subject and reference, I am directed to enclose herewith the copy of Agenda No. 5 of the minutes of meeting of 40<sup>th</sup> REC dated 15/11/2019, in which above said proposal was discussed. The copy of the minutes of meeting of 40<sup>th</sup> REC is also available on e.portal ([http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC\\_Report.aspx](http://forestsclearance.nic.in/REC_Report.aspx)).

Further, you are requested to submit the detailed compliance report in accordance to decision taken at Agenda No. 5 of 40<sup>th</sup> REC meeting held on 14/11/2019 for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to :-

- 1) The Addl. Principal Chief Cofnservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) Act, Aranya Bhavan, Block No. A/3, Near "Ch" Circle, Opposite St. Xaviers High School, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 2) The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Mehsana, District-Mehsana, Gujarat.
- 3) The Executive Engineer, R&B Division (State), Rajmahal Mehsana, District-Mehsana, Gujarat.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (Central)



Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal.  
40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee, Bhopal  
Dt. 14/11/2019



File No. 6-REC 10/2014-BHO/ Part II/ 1109

Dated : 15/11/2019

MINUTES OF MEETING

The following members were present:

1. Shri Bibhash Kumar Thakur, DDGF (C) / Chairperson, REC
2. Shri H. D. Vala, Member, REC
3. Dr. Sudesh Waghmare, Member, REC
4. Shri. B. Abhay Bhaskar, AIGF(C) / Member Secretary, REC

The following Special invitees were present:

1. Shri Sunil Agrawal, APCCF (LM)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Madhya Pradesh.
2. Shri Jai Pal Singh, APCCF (L)-cum-Nodal Office (FCA), Govt of Gujarat

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The following proposals were placed in the REC meeting for discussion:

State: Gujarat

Agenda 1

Proposal for diversion of 8.557 ha Protected Forest land for widening /strengthening/ construction of Flexible pavement for Two lane to Three lane from NH-48 Valthan to Simada Junction in favour of Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority in Surat District of Gujarat. : 6-GJC050/2019-BHO.

General Description:

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The component-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion:

Component-wise break-up	Forest Division	Length X Width (mtr)		Area (Ha)
Construction of Flexible pavement for Two lane to Three lane from NH-48 (Km 0/028 to 6/610) Valthan to Simada Junction	Surat SF	6582.00	13.00 (Right side) & 6.50 (Left side)	8.557

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, 9.214 ha non-forest land is also required.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 2037 Lakh and no manpower to be generated.
- 6) Density of vegetation is open forest and 172 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 61 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
- 7) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum.
- 8) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 9) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 10) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not applicable.
- 11) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.

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1. The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e (ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted before issuance of working permission.

The Stage-I shall be issued only after receipt of satisfactory reply of following information:

1. Proper KML file of proposed widening of road excluding blacktop road.
2. The correct Part-II & Part-IV shall be uploaded on webportal.
3. The correct SoI map of proposed road shall be uploaded on webportal.
4. The revised site specific CA scheme shall be submitted as per the Para 2.8(iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and including following points
  - a) Saplings to be planted (Minimum standard height and collar girth species wise).
  - b) Soil & moisture conservation works.
  - c) Regeneration cleaning.
  - d) Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
  - e) Species to be planted (species wise number of plants).
  - f) Details of proposed monitoring mechanism / outcome parameters.
  - g) Technical and administrative approvals from the competent authority.
  - h) The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.

#### Agenda 5

✓ **Diversion of 12.25 ha Protected Forest land for road widening of existing Visnagar- Vijapur road SH-130 in Ta-Visnagar & Vijapur in favour of Executive Engineer, Mehsana (R&B) Division in Mehsana District of Gujarat. 6-GJC047/2019-BHO**

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Protected Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The Village-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion :

Sl. No.	Village-wise break-up	Length X Width (mtr)		Area (Ha)
1.	Visnagar, Visanagar, Mehsana	2.410	5.00	1.205
2.	Kuvasana, Visanagar, Mehsana	2.630	5.00	1.315
3.	Ghaghret, Visanagar, Mehsana	0.730	5.00	0.365
4.	Gothava, Visanagar, Mehsana	5.550	5.00	2.775
5.	Rangakuvi, Visanagar, Mehsana	1.990	5.00	0.995
6.	Tatosan, Visanagar, Mehsana	2.270	5.00	1.135
7.	Pamol, Vijapur, Mehsana	3.00	5.00	1.5
8.	Gavada, Vijapur, Mehsana	2.090	5.00	1.045
9.	Malosan, Vijapur, Mehsana	1.760	5.00	0.88
10.	Vijapur, Vijapur	2.090	5.00	1.035
TOTAL				12.25 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 429 Lakh and manpower to be generated not submitted.
- 6) Density of vegetation is 0.2 to 0.4 and 581 trees are marked for felling on the proposed forest land. A 45 number of trees upto 60 cm. Species-wise & girth-wise details have been made available.
- 7) It has been certified that the requirement of proposed forest land is unavoidable & barest minimum. Details regarding exploration of alternatives and the suitability of present alternative on a map & comparative analysis not applicable for this project.
- 8) The proposed forest land does not form any part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Biosphere Reserve/Tiger Reserve/Elephant Corridor etc. and project is outside 10 km of the boundaries of the nearest protected area.
- 9) There is no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the proposed area.
- 10) Displacement of people and rehabilitation plan is not required.
- 11) CCF (T), Nodal Officer and State Government have recommended the proposal for approval.

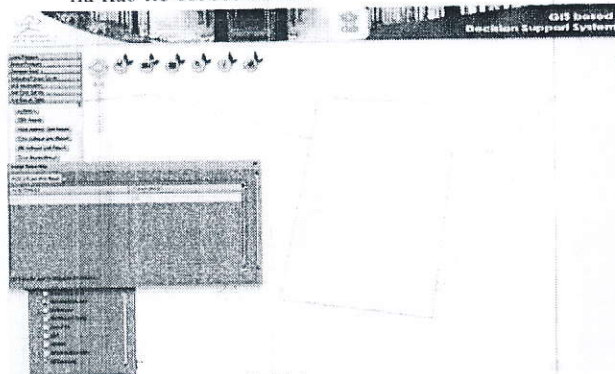


#### Documents Submitted:

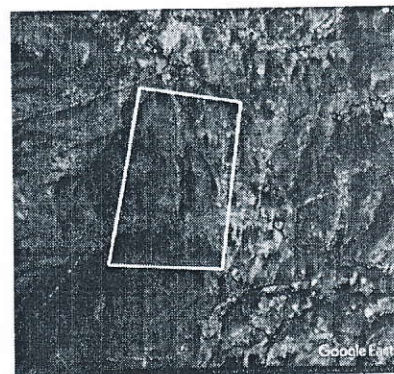
- 1) CA is proposed over 25.00 degraded forest land (Survey No. 115 pt, Village-Bara, Taluka-Poshina, District- Sabarkantha. The land is found suitable for raising plantation, Map of CA and CA scheme summary for 10 years is submitted.
- 2) The Site Inspection report in prescribed format of the concerned territorial DCF is available.
- 3) Cost-benefit analysis has been submitted.
- 4) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed diversion land is submitted.
- 5) Undertaking by the UA to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, Additional CA and/or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme (undertaking to be enclosed).
- 6) Geo-referenced digital maps of CA (Polygon map with DGPS coordinates) Submitted.
- 7) KML file of CA site in polygon shape to be uploaded online.
- 8) DSS analysis (proposed diversion land): The area cannot be calculated as the KML file of proposed road is in line format.



- 9) DSS analysis (proposed CA land): 25.64 ha and out of that 2.00 ha open forest & 23.00 ha has no forest cover.



DSS Image



Google earth image of CA land

#### Documents not submitted:

- 1) Toposheet map of CA wrongly uploaded on webportal, so correct Toposheet map of CA shall be uploaded.
- 2) Certified copy of online Part-I and Part-II shall be submitted.
- 3) As the project is crossing the railway line, NOC from Railway authority shall be submitted.
- 4) The KML file of proposed road for proposed widening in forest area excluding blacktop road shall be submitted.
- 5) The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e (ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017).
- 6) Details of site specific CA :
  - a) Saplings to be planted (Minimum standard height and collar girth species wise).
  - b) Soil & moisture conservation works.
  - c) Regeneration cleaning.

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- d) Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
- e) Species to be planted (no. of plants species wise)
- f) Details of proposed monitoring mechanism.
- g) Technical and administrative approvals from the competent authority.

#### Recommendations of REC:

The REC examined the proposal for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The REC also viewed the proposal on the Decision Support System (DSS) of FSI.

Accordingly, the REC *in-principle approves* the proposal for diversion of 12.25 ha Protected Forest land for road widening of existing Visnagar- Vijapur road SH-130 in Ta-Visnagar & Vijapur in favour of Executive Engineer, Mehsana (R&B) Division in Mehsana District of Gujarat on standard terms and condition and following specific condition:

1. The Certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per Para 6.3e (ii) of Forest Conservation (Rule), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted before issuance of working permission.

The Stage-I approval shall be issued only after receipt of satisfactory reply of following information / document:

1. Toposheet map of CA wrongly uploaded on webportal, so correct Toposheet map of CA shall be uploaded.
2. Certified copy of online Part-I and Part-II shall be submitted.
3. As the project is crossing the railway line, NOC from Railway authority shall be submitted.
4. The proper KML file of proposed widening of road in forest area excluding blacktop road shall be submitted.
5. The CA land shows encroachment / agricultural fields, thus CA land should free form all incumbencies.
6. The revised site specific CA scheme shall be submitted as per the Para 2.8(iii) of FCA Handbook 2019 and including following points:
  - a) Saplings to be planted (Minimum standard height and collar girth species wise).
  - b) Soil & moisture conservation works.
  - c) Regeneration cleaning.
  - d) Silvicultural and other activities as prescribed in the working plan.
  - e) Species to be planted (no. of plants species wise)
  - f) Details of proposed monitoring mechanism / outcome parameters.
  - g) Technical and administrative approvals from the competent authority.
  - h) The revised CA scheme shall be uploaded on e.portal.

#### Agenda 6

Proposal for diversion of 12.00 ha reserved forest land for extraction of open cast mining of Pyrophilite/ diaspore in compartment No. RF-262, Forest Block Machigarh, Forest Range-Jatara in favour of M/s Khajuraho Minerals Private Limited in Tikamgarh District of Madhya Pradesh (6-MPC028/2019-BHO).

- 1) The Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is Reserved Forest.
- 2) Maps of the site are submitted.
- 3) The item-wise break-up of to the forest land proposed for diversion:

Sl. No.	Component- wise breakup	Village	Forest Land	Area (Ha)
1.	Mining	Machigarh	Reserved Forest	11.97
2.	Approach Road			0.03
TOTAL				12.00 Ha

- 4) In addition to the above forest land, no non-forest land is required for the project.
- 5) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 8.39 Lakh and manpower to be generated, Permanent- 00 & Temporary- 100 person.

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### Recommendation of REC:

The REC *in-principle approves* the Supplementary Felling Proposal for Implementation of Working Plan Prescription from West Chindwara and Seoni Forest Division from Forest Department, Govt of Madhya Pradesh.

However, the approval order shall be issued only after receipt of complete satisfactory reply of Regional Office (WZ), Bhopal letter no. 12-3/93(FOR)Vol-IV/888 dt. 13/11/2019 from State Govt of Madhya Pradesh and in the following format:

The data required for the supplementary felling proposal for ..... Forest Divisions. MP

Sl. No.	Range	Compartment	Working Circle	Felling Series	Coupe	Species	Total Number of Marked trees above selection girth	Species wise no. of trees to be cut			
								Above selection girth	Pre-selection girth	Others	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Note: The data shall be supported by:

- 1) The working plan prescription and page number of proposed felling in working plan document.
- 2) The arrear / supplementary felling due year.
- 3) The data shall be certified by the concerned DFO / CCF.
- 4) The species having same selection girth shall be treated /filled in one row

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